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SUBJ: SPECIAL AD HOC FAO/UNCTAD CONSULTATIONS ON OILSEEDS,
OILS ANDFATS

REF.: GENEVA 999

1. SPECIAL FAO/UNCTAD CONSULTATIONS FEBRUARY 25-27 CONDUCTED
IN LOW KEY AND GENERALLY FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. REACHED CONCLUSIONS
IN ITS FINAL REPORT FULLY ACCEPTABLE TO US. THERE WAS NO PRESSURE
FROM DELEGATIONS FOR AN ADDITIONAL SESSION, WITH INDONESIAN DE-
LEGATE ONLY REMARKING IN EARLIER REGULAR SESSION OF INTER-
GOVERNMENTAL GROUP THAT HE WISHED NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF GROUP
TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW RESULTS OF SPECIAL /AD
HOC/ SESSION.

2. FINAL SECTION OF GROUP'S REPORT CONCLUDES WITH LIST OF
MEASURES CONSIDERED BY THE GROUP, AND IS PREFACED WITH FOLLOWING
NON-COMMITAL LANGUAGE: QUOTE: DURING INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS,
THERE WAS A FRANK AND USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON PROBLEMS AND
POSSIBLE PROPOSALS IN FIELD OF ACCESS TO MARKETS AND PRICING PO-
LICY. IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT NO GOVERNMENT WAS IN POSITION
TO COMMIT ITSELF AT THIS STAGE TO PARTICULAR COURSE OF ACTION.
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SPECIAL SESSION PAID PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO FOLLOWING CONCRETE

PROPOSALS TO WHICH IT WAS CONSIDERED GOVERNMENTS SHOULD GIVE MORE DETAILED EXAMINATION AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHAT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN. UNQUOTE. AMONG PROPOSALS THEN CITED IS U.S. SUGGESTION (SUPPORTED BY VIRTUALLY ALL DELEGATIONS WITH EXCEPTION OF EC) FOR QUOTE NON-IMPOSITION, ELIMINATION AND/OR PHASED REDUCTION OF TARIFFS AND OTHER BARRIERS TO TRADE UNQUOTE. U.S. INSISTANCE ON INSETION OF WORDS "NON-IMPOSITION" AND "OTHER BARRIERS" (READ LEVY) DREW HEAVY RESISTANCE FROM EC, BUT IN END WAS ACCEPTED BY THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AS REPRESENTING ONLY ONE OF NUMBER OF OPTIONS.

3. AS INPREVIOUS FAO/UNCTAD CONSULTATIONS POLICIES OF COMMUNITY UNDER HEAVIEST ATTACK THROUGHOUT SESSION. MOST SIGNIFICANT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE AT THIS MEETING AROSE WHEN MALAYSIAN AND SRI LANKA DELEGATIONS TOOK ON EC ON ISSUE OF PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS, CLAIMING THESE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO INTERESTS OF SOME DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. EC, WHILE GIVING ITS TRADITIONAL DEFENSE OF PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS, WAS CLEARLY ISOLATED ON ISSUE AND IN END HAD TO AGREE TO LANGUAGE INCORPORATED IN FINAL REPORT WHICH REFLECTS MALAYSIAN AND SRI LANKA COMMENTS.

4. OVER FIRTY COUNTIES PARTICIPATED INCONSULTATIONS ON OILSEEDS, ALTHOUGH NEITHER USSR NOR PRC PRESENT.VOLPE

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